

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended) ~~A composition~~ An article of manufacture comprising:
 - a) a filled polymeric material comprising a polymer component and an inorganic filler; and
 - b) a fixed image, wherein said fixed image is formed in said filled polymeric material, and wherein said fixed image has a fixed image optical density value within 1.5 of a corresponding transfer image optical density value.
2. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ article of manufacture of Claim 1, wherein said fixed image optical density value is within 1.0 of said corresponding transfer image optical density value.
3. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ article of manufacture of Claim 1, wherein 15-80 percent by weight of said filled polymeric material comprises said polymer component.
4. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ article of manufacture of Claim 1, wherein said polymer component comprises polymethyl methacrylate.
5. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ article of manufacture of Claim 1, wherein 20-45 percent by weight of said filled polymeric material comprises polymethyl methacrylate.
6. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ article of manufacture of Claim 1, wherein 20-85 percent by weight of said filled polymeric material comprises said inorganic filler.
7. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ article of manufacture of Claim 1, wherein said inorganic filler comprises alumina trihydrate.
8. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ article of manufacture of Claim 1, wherein 55-80 percent by weight of said filled polymeric material comprises alumina trihydrate.

9. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ article of manufacture of Claim 1, wherein said filled polymeric material comprises CORIAN brand filled polymeric material.

10. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ article of manufacture of Claim 1, wherein said filled polymeric material comprises GIBRALTAR brand filled polymeric material or SOLID SURFACING VENEER (SSV) brand filled polymeric material.

11. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ article of manufacture of Claim 1, wherein said filled polymeric material comprises FOUNTAINHEAD brand filled polymeric material or SURELL brand filled polymeric material.

12. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ article of manufacture of Claim 1, wherein said filled polymeric material comprises AVONITE brand filled polymeric material.

13. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ article of manufacture of Claim 1, wherein said filled polymeric material comprises CERATA brand filled polymeric material.

14. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ article of manufacture of Claim 1, wherein said fixed image comprises dye.

15. (currently amended) A ~~composition~~ An article of manufacture comprising:
a) a filled polymeric material comprising a polymer component and an inorganic filler; and
b) a fixed image, wherein said fixed image is formed in said filled polymeric material, and wherein said fixed image has a fixed image optical density value of at least 0.7.

16. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ article of manufacture of Claim 15, wherein said fixed image optical density value is at least 1.0.

17. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ article of manufacture of Claim 15, wherein said fixed image optical density value is at least 1.5.

18. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ article of manufacture of Claim 15, wherein 15-80 percent by weight of said filled polymeric material comprises said polymer component.

19. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ article of manufacture of Claim 15, wherein said polymer component comprises polymethyl methacrylate.

20. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ article of manufacture of Claim 15, wherein 20-45 percent by weight of said filled polymeric material comprises polymethyl methacrylate.

21. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ article of manufacture of Claim 15, wherein 20-85 percent by weight of said filled polymeric material comprises said inorganic filler.

22. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ article of manufacture of Claim 15, wherein said inorganic filler comprises alumina trihydrate.

23. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ article of manufacture of Claim 15, wherein 55-80 percent by weight of said filled polymeric material comprises alumina trihydrate.

24. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ article of manufacture of Claim 15, wherein said filled polymeric material comprises CORIAN brand filled polymeric material.

25. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ article of manufacture of Claim 15, wherein said filled polymeric material comprises GIBALTAR brand filled polymeric material or SOLID SURFACING VENEER (SSV) brand filled polymeric material.

26. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ article of manufacture of Claim 15, wherein said filled polymeric material comprises FOUNTAINHEAD brand filled polymeric material or SURELL brand filled polymeric material.

27. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ article of manufacture of Claim 15, wherein said filled polymeric material comprises AVONITE brand filled polymeric material.

28. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ article of manufacture of Claim 15, wherein said filled polymeric material comprises CERATA brand filled polymeric material.

29. (currently amended) ~~A composition~~ An article of manufacture comprising:

a) a filled polymeric material comprising polymethyl methacrylate and alumina trihydrate, wherein 20-45 percent by weight of said filled polymeric material is said polymethyl methacrylate, and wherein 55-80 percent by weight of said filled polymeric material is said alumina trihydrate; and

b) a fixed image, wherein said fixed image is formed in said filled polymeric material, and wherein said fixed image has a fixed image optical density value of at least 0.7.

30. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ article of manufacture of Claim 29, wherein said filled polymeric material is CORIAN brand filled polymeric material.